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The Major Events of the Day

International

Fierce fighting was reported to have broken out early today between Israeli and Egyptian forces on the southern frontier. An Israeli spokesman said that Egyptian forces moved into Israeli territory and "our forces rushed forward to halt them." However, a Cairo radio report heard in Lebanon said that Israel had launched the attack. Tanks and planes were involved in the fighting, according to an official Israeli military spokesman. As the Israeli spokesman read his statement, air raid sirens were heard in the background for the first time since the 1956 Sinai campaign. [Page 1, Column 8.]

According to the Cairo radio, 42 Israeli planes were shot down while attacking Cairo and other parts of Egypt. The Cairo radio also said that Arab armies were moving on all fronts against Israel. It asserted that Israel had fallen into the trap by beginning aggression. And a broadcast from Syria appealed to the people to "rise for fighting . . . the hour of victory has come." [5:3.]

In a 3,000-word statement made public at the United Nations, Secretary General Thant defended his decision to withdraw the U.N. Emergency Force from the Middle East last month, saying it had been dictated by "legal and practical considerations of an overriding nature." Washington and other capitals have recently criticized Mr. Thant for acceding too easily to an Egyptian request to have the peace-keeping force removed. [1:6.]

American ground and air forces had a successful day in Vietnam as Air Force pilots shot down two MIG's during raids near Hanoi, and marines scored a major victory in bitter fighting near Danang. [1:4.]

The Soviet author Aleksandr I. Solzhenitsyn, who wrote a novel about life in a prison camp, has made a bold and eloquent plea for the abolition of literary censorship in the Soviet Union. In a recent letter to the Congress of the Union of Soviet Writers, the 48-year-old writer denounced the "oppression, no longer tolerable, that our literature has been enduring from censorship." [1:5.]

National

For the third consecutive night of a long, warm weekend in Boston, violence erupted in the Negro section of Roxbury. Gangs of Negro youths smashed windows and set fires in the ghetto area, but the police managed to keep the situation under control. Mayor Collins told a delegation of Negro leaders at a City Hall meeting that he was considering the appointment of a committee to seek ways of putting down the violence. [1:2.]

In Chicago, meanwhile, Police Superintendent Orlando W. Wilson, one of the world's foremost authorities on police problems said he believed that prevention was the key to riot control. [49:1.]

In a report made public in Washington, a Senate subcommittee sharply criticized the Army's rifle procurement program since World War II, with special emphasis on procurement policies during the 1960's. The report said the Army had spent $500-million in developing the M-14 rifle, and then, because of unnamed "influential people in the Pentagon," had suddenly switched to the controversial M-16 in 1963. [1:3.]

There's a big bear study going on in Alaska. Using an airplane, a helicopter, a dart gun and a net and scales, polar bear researchers have marked 31 bears in an effort to get more data about the habits of the animals. [This Page, Columns 4-6.]

Metropolitan

The City Rent and Rehabilitation Administrator warned landlords that the city would take punitive action against them if they refused to sign the contract agreement reached with building service workers and continued to deprive tenants of essential services in apartment buildings. [1:1.]

After failing to get sufficient city funds, the school system is considering cutting back some programs in an effort to go ahead with others in its early-childhood teaching methods. Dr. Bernard E. Donovan, Superintendent of Schools, said the cutbacks might include limiting some pupil transportation and trimming maintenance. [1:2-3.]

Police Commissioner Howard R. Leary issued his annual report on crime in the city, and the statistics showed, among other things, that felony arrests of youths under 16 years old declined during 1966 although they had been increasing throughout the nation. However, the report showed that there had been a total increase of 7.2 per cent in the number of serious crimes committed in the city last year, compared with 1965. [This Page, Column 3.]

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